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BANDWIDTH IN A SWITCH

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT "B" UNDER RULE 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

The following Amendments and Remarks are made in response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is being submitted herewith. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the following Amendment and Remarks are respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.